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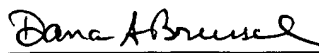
Pursuant to Applicant(s) continuing duty of disclosure, it is respectfully requested the disclosures cited in the annexed PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application.

Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not provided in accordance with the waiver of that requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98. SU594960 appears to relate to an instrument for destructing intrauterine symphyses. SU797668 appears to relate to a device for limiting surgery field on small pelvis. The Applicants have enclosed an English language abstract for DE2157727.

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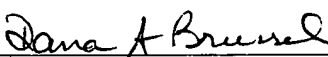

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

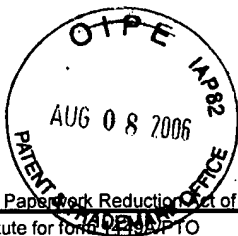
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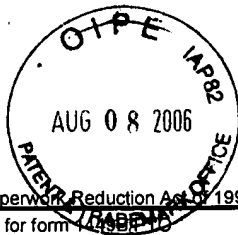
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